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PART I**IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS****CHIEF SECRETARIAT**

Reviews the Administration Report of the Civil Supplies Department during the year 1952-53.

READ—

Report on the Administration of the Civil Supplies Department for the year 1952-53 received with letter No. T. 3492, dated 18th July 1953, from the Controller of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

ORDER No. S.D. 4746-47—Co. 28-53-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 9TH SEPTEMBER 1953.

Recorded.

Sri M. K. Appajappa, I.A.S., continued to be in charge of the Civil Supplies Department as Controller of Civil Supplies till 5th February 1953, when Sri K. P. Ramanathaiya, I.A.S., Director of Food Supplies, was appointed as *Ex-officio* Controller of Civil Supplies.

Textiles.—The Department of Civil Supplies continued to administer the following control orders during the year:—

1. The Cotton Textiles (Control) Order, 1948.
2. The Cotton Textiles (Control of Movement) Order, 1948.
3. The Cotton Textiles (Export Control) Order, 1949.
4. The Mysore Cotton Cloth Dealers' Licensing Order, 1948.
5. The Mysore Cotton Yarn (Control of Distribution) Order, 1948.

Cloth was distributed through the three agencies, *viz.*, nominees, wholesale cloth dealers and retail dealers to the consumers as in the previous years. Licenses were freely issued to Circle Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies and other Co-operative Institutions. There were 25 nominees, 480 wholesalers and more than 10,000 retail dealers including Co-operative Societies during the year.

Procurement.—The mills who were offering for controlled distribution two-thirds of their monthly packings of cloth till 1st April 1952 reduced the quota to 20 per cent as a result of the permission granted by the Government of India to the mills to dispose of 80 per cent of their production to the dealers of their choice in view of increased production and slump in the market. This free sale quota was enhanced to 85 per cent with effect from 1st March 1953. From 1st March 1953, superfine cloth was exempted from controlled distribution and from 1st October 1952 all the categories of cloth except long cloth, shirtings and bed-sheets were also exempted from distribution control. The State nominees procured 8,438 bales of cloth out of monthly allotments during the year as against 40,290 bales during the previous year consequent on the relaxation of distribution control. As a result of this reduction the number of cloth bales available were allotted by the Department to only wholesale Co-operative Societies all over the State for distribution in their areas.

Yarn.—There were 43 wholesale dealers and 240 retail dealers excluding the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies doing yarn business during the year. Consequent on the Government of India permitting 50 per cent of the mills production under free sale, the State received an allotment of 10,369 bales including *ad hoc* quota of yarn allotted by the Textile Commissioner, Bombay as against 14,104 bales received during the previous year for controlled distribution. On an average the State received about 865 bales of yarn per month (inclusive of *ad hoc* quotas), of which 450 were allotted to about 27,000 handlooms, 350 bales to 1,200 powerlooms and 65 bales to minor Industries, Druggets, Hosieries, etc. Distribution of yarn to Handloom Weavers was continued through the Mysore Provincial Cotton Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society, Ltd., Bangalore, as in the previous year.

Cement.—The Mysore Cement Rationing and Licensing Order, 1948 continued to be in force during the year under report. The Government of India allotted 74,100 tons of cement during the year 1952-53 or 6,175 tons per month. Out of this quantity, about 4,000 tons of cement were being earmarked by the Civil Supplies Department for civilian use. With the satisfactory position of cement supply the licensed dealers in Bangalore City and Civil Station including Bangalore North and South Taluks were permitted to sell cement without permits to the extent of 100 bags per consumer, per month, and the licensed dealers in the remaining parts of the State up to 50 bags per consumer, per month.

With a view to bringing the price of cement in the State in line with the prices obtaining in other parts of India, the price of all brand of cement in the State except Shankar Brand was fixed at Rs. 71 per ton loose in full wagon loads f.o.r. any Railway Station with effect from 21st June 1952 with periodic variation in the packing charges as and when announced by the Government of India. There were 175 dealers licensed to deal in cement at the commencement of the year and 18 new licenses were issued during the year bringing the total to 193. Of these, 16 licenses were cancelled, leaving 177 licensees at the close of the year. The distribution of cement was decentralised empowering the Deputy Commissioners, Revenue Sub-Division Officers and the Amildars to issue permits. Even the Presidents of the Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies have been authorised to issue permits for cement up to five bags. Distribution and supply position of cement was satisfactory throughout the year.

Cotton.—The Cotton Control Order, 1950 continued to be in force and the new system of licensing formulated by the Government of India for 1952-53 season was made applicable to the State also and 62 'C' licenses were issued by the State during the year.

Drugs.—The Drugs Control Act, 1950 continued to be in force during the year under report. Certain new and important drugs like Cortisone, Adrenocorticotropia Hormone, Isonicotine Acid Hydrazine with its preparations were brought under the purview of the Act.

The Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Act, 1948 and the Supply and Prices of Goods Act, 1950 continued to be in force and the Department of Civil Supplies availed of the provisions of these Acts to check the rise in prices of the articles coming under the respective Acts.

Enforcement.—During the year 1952-53, the Department of Civil Supplies detected 92 cases of violation of the Cotton Textile Control Order, 1948 and according to the merits of each case the licenses of the dealers were either suspended or cancelled and in cases where the offence committed was of serious nature prosecution proceedings have been taken.

General.—As a measure of economy consequent on relaxation of certain controls, several posts both Gazetted and non-Gazetted were retrenched with effect from 5th February 1953 and the Control of Civil Supplies Department was transferred to the Director of Food Supplies. One of the Assistant Directors of Food Supplies was appointed as *Ex-officio* Assistant Controller of Civil Supplies for attending to the work relating to the Civil Supplies Department.

The work of the Department during the year under report was on the whole satisfactory.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Directs the Change of Head of Account under which the advances to contractors of Public Works in Special Divisions are accounted for.

READ—

Government Order No. FL (B) 12713-25—C. R. 51-52-2, dated the 19th January 1953 ordering the abolition of grant of cash advances to contractors in the Public Works Divisions except in Special Divisions executing projects of big magnitude in which cases the advances being accounted for under "R. Loans and Advances by State Government—Miscellaneous Loans and Advances—Advances to Contractors".

2. Letter No. 207—WM-Comp. dated the 5th August 1953 from the Accountant General, Mysore, Bangalore, suggesting for the reasons explained, change of head of account under which the advances, to contractors are accounted for.

ORDER No. FL (B) 6331-43—BUD. 30-53-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1953.

The advances granted to Public Works contractors in special divisions executing project works of big magnitude do not bear interest. As such, such interest free advances should appropriately be accounted for under the head "P. Deposits and Advances" instead of under "R. Loans and Advances". It is therefore, directed that the advances granted to Public Works Contractors in special divisions be accounted for under the head "P. Deposits and Advances—Part III—Advances not bearing interest—Advances Repayable—Civil Advances—Advances of the Public Works Department—Advances to Piece Work Contractors" instead of under "R. Loans and Advances" as per the Government Order dated the 19th January 1953.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
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Finance Department.